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RE: Revised Permit Area, Nevada Electric Investment Company, Wellington
Preparation Plant, ACT/007/012-AM99C, Folder #2, Carbon County, Utah

SUMMARY:

Nevada Electric Investment Company (NEICO) has proposed to reduce the size of the Wellington Preparation Plant permit area. The Division received the original amendment July 1, 1999, and revised versions on July 19 and September 13, 1999. The proposal consists of changes to two maps. The area NEICO is proposing to delete has never been disturbed by coal mining and reclamation operations, it is not part of any of the soil borrow areas, and it is isolated from the rest of the permit area by Ridge Road.

TECHNICAL ANALYSIS:

OPERATION PLAN

MAPS, PLANS AND CROSS SECTIONS OF MINING OPERATIONS

Regulatory Reference: R645-301-521.130

Analysis:

Affected Area Maps

The applicant has proposed to delete all areas north of Ridge Road from the permit area. These areas have never been affected by coal mining and reclamation operations, and they are not included in the current plan for any future operations, such as topsoil borrow. The concept of deleting the area north of Ridge Road from the permit area is acceptable.

The applicant has revised one maps E9-3341 and E9-3333 to show the revised permit area. These maps show the permit area, surface facilities, and disturbed area. The permit refers to map E3341 this map in connection with the legal description of the permit area. Several other maps in the operation and reclamation plan also show the permit area boundaries, but most of these are environmental resource maps that do not need to be updated.

The Division is not aware of references to acreage figures that need to be changed in the operation and reclamation plan. The permit includes a legal description that will need to be changed if this amendment is approved. The applicant needs to supply acreage figures for the entire permit area, but this information does not need to be included in the plan.

Findings:

Information provided in the proposal is considered adequate to meet the requirements of this section of the regulations. The Division needs revised acreage figures and possibly a new legal description that can be included in the permit.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

The proposal can be approved, but the applicant needs to provide revised acreage figures and possibly a new legal description for the permit area..